

In the Claims. This Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of Claims in the application.

1           1.       (Currently Amended)       A moisture-reducing device for print  
2 media comprising:  
3           a paper tray for containing and supporting the print media, the paper tray  
4 including a recess formed in an interior of the paper tray; and  
5           a desiccant contained in the paper tray recess proximate to the print media  
6 for absorbing moisture from the environment of the paper tray.

1           2.       (Original)       The moisture-reducing device of Claim 1 wherein the  
2 desiccant further comprises a silica gel.

1           3.       (Original)       The moisture-reducing device of Claim 1 wherein the  
2 desiccant further comprises an activated alumina.

1           4.       (Original)       The moisture-reducing device of Claim 1 wherein the  
2 desiccant further comprises a lithium chloride salt.

1           5.       (Original)       The moisture-reducing device of Claim 1 wherein the  
2 desiccant further comprises a pre-packaged desiccant.

1           6.       (Original)       The moisture-reducing device of Claim 1 wherein the  
2 paper tray is lined with the desiccant.

1           7.       (Original)       The moisture-reducing device of Claim 1 wherein the  
2 desiccant further comprises a molded panel.

1           8.       (Cancelled)       The moisture-reducing device of Claim 1 wherein the  
2 paper tray further comprises:  
3           a recess formed in the interior of the paper tray; and  
4           the desiccant placed in the recess of the tray proximate to the print media.

1           9.     (Currently Amended)     The moisture-reducing device of Claim 8  
2     1 further comprising a panel including a plurality of apertures covering the  
3     desiccant placed in the recess.

1           10.    (Original)     The moisture-reducing device of Claim 1 further  
2     comprising:  
3             an air passage pneumatically connected to the paper tray;  
4             a heating element pneumatically connected to the air passage;  
5             a blower pneumatically connected to the air passage for pressurizing an  
6     air flow across the heating element into the paper tray directing a pressurized air  
7     flow across the desiccant for purging accumulated moisture from the desiccant.

1           11.    (Original)     The moisture-reducing device of Claim 10 further  
2     comprising a humidity sensor connected to the heating element, the heating  
3     element responsive to a signal from the humidity sensor indicating that a  
4     moisture level of the desiccant equals a pre-selected moisture level.

1           12.    (Original)     The moisture-reducing device of Claim 10 wherein the  
2     heating element further comprises an intermittently operating heating element.

1           13.    (Currently Amended)     An image forming device comprising:  
2             a controller contained within a housing;  
3             a print engine including a developer assembly connected to and  
4     operatively responsive to the controller;  
5             a paper tray attachable to the housing for containing and supporting a  
6     media, the paper tray including a recess formed in an interior of the paper tray;  
7             a media transport mechanism contained within the housing for picking the  
8     media from the paper tray and transporting the media through the print engine;  
9     and  
10            a desiccant contained in the paper tray recess proximate to the media for  
11     absorbing moisture from the environment of the paper tray.

1           14.    (Original)    The image forming device of Claim 13 further  
2 comprising:  
3           an air passage pneumatically connected to the paper tray;  
4           a heating element positioned within the air passage;  
5           a blower pneumatically connected to the air passage for pressurizing an  
6 air flow across the heating element and into the paper tray directing a pressurized  
7 air flow across the desiccant purging accumulated moisture from the desiccant.

1           15.    (Original)    The image forming device of Claim 14 further  
2 comprising a humidity sensor connected to the heating element, the heating  
3 element responsive to a signal from the humidity sensor indicating that a  
4 moisture level of the desiccant equals a pre-selected moisture level.

1           16.    (Original)    The image forming device of Claim 14 wherein the  
2 heating element further comprising an intermittently operating heating element.

1           17.    (Original)    The image forming device of Claim 13 wherein the  
2 heating element operates in response to a signal from the controller responsive  
3 to a pre-selected number of image forming cycles.

1           18.    (Currently Amended)    The ~~moisture-reducing~~ image forming  
2 device of Claim 13 wherein the desiccant further comprises a silica gel.

1           19.    (Currently Amended)    The ~~moisture-reducing~~ image forming  
2 device of Claim 13 wherein the desiccant further comprises an activated alumina.

1           20.    (Currently Amended)    The ~~moisture-reducing~~ image forming  
2 device of Claim 13 wherein the desiccant further comprises a lithium chloride salt.